

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

PAGE 2

Serial No. 09/291,798

Attorney Docket No. 100.108US01

Title: REDUCED POWER CONSUMPTION IN A COMMUNICATION DEVICE

Sub C' 17. (Twice Amended) A power control circuit for a communication device, the power control circuit

comprising:

a counter that establishes a selected time period for powering down a receiver of the communication device;

a processor, coupled to the counter, that is programmed to control the reset of the counter, to power down the receiver, and to power up the receiver to check for incoming data packets transmitted by another communication device when the counter indicates that the selected time period has expired; and

wherein the counter establishes a time period that is sufficient to allow detection of a data packet that is retransmitted by the other communication device when no acknowledgment signal is received by the other communication device.

Please cancel claim 18 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Sub C' 26. (Once amended) A method for controlling power consumption in a remote packet communication device in signal communication with a head end packet communication device, the method comprising:

setting a power down timer for the remote packet communication device to a power down period so that the remote packet communication device will power up again in time to detect a retransmission of data from the head end packet communication device.